

## **Pre-authorized Certificates of Registration for Collection of Amphibians and Reptiles**

Pre-authorized Certificates of Registration (CORs) for personal collection of amphibians and reptiles listed as “controlled” were approved by the Wildlife Board in March 2007 along with many recommendations/revisions to rule R657-53 Amphibian and Reptile Collection, Importation, Transportation, and Possession. This is the first time native species listed as controlled have been pre-authorized for collection/possession for personal use.

The pre-authorized COR process is a method to expedite regular COR processing. The general public may still apply for a personal use COR for any of the species listed on the pre-authorized COR table through the regular COR process. Scientific and educational CORs will continue to follow the regular COR process.

The Pre-authorized COR table being presented to the RACs and Wildlife Board in September 2007 lists the number of permits, bag limits, collection areas, and collection dates allowed with a pre-authorized COR. This table will be available for the 2008 collection year. Division of Wildlife biologists will review harvest information annually and provide new recommendations if necessary, for the following year’s allowable harvest listed in the pre-authorized COR table.

Recommendations in the table were determined through a review process including Division of Wildlife regional and Salt Lake Office biologists, academia, and members of the Utah Herpetological Association. This first year of issuance, the Division will gauge public interest to determine collection pressure and potential impacts to all species.

Applications will be accepted the second full week of January 2008. Fees include a \$10 processing fee and a \$75 collection fee per COR upon award of application. Pre-authorized CORs will be assigned through a draw if sufficient applications are received.